IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Andrew J. Ries et al. Examiner: Kristen Droesch Mullen

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MEDICAL LEADS TO IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICES

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2006, having a threemonth statutory period for response set to expire on June 22, 2006, entry and consideration of the following is respectfully requested.